

Stichera at the Praises

Dormition of the Theotokos - August 15

Optina Hermitage Melody

Model Melody: "As one valiant among martyrs"

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Tone 4
Sticheron 1

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

At your glo - rious Dor - mi - - - - tion

Detailed description: This system shows the first line of music for Soprano and Alto (top staff) and Tenor and Bass (bottom staff). The Soprano and Alto parts are written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The Tenor and Bass parts are written in a bass clef with the same key signature. The lyrics are "At your glo - rious Dor - mi - - - - tion". The word "Dormition" is split across four notes with hyphens. The music features a melodic line in the Soprano/Alto part and a supporting bass line in the Tenor/Bass part.

the heav - ens rejoice, and the armies of An - gels ex - ult.

Detailed description: This system continues the musical notation from the first system. The lyrics are "the heav - ens rejoice, and the armies of An - gels ex - ult.". The word "Angels" is split across two notes with a hyphen. The musical notation includes a treble clef staff for Soprano/Alto and a bass clef staff for Tenor/Bass, both in B-flat major.

The whole earth is glad, addressing its funeral

Detailed description: This system continues the musical notation. The lyrics are "The whole earth is glad, addressing its funeral". The word "earth" is split across two notes with a hyphen. The musical notation includes a treble clef staff for Soprano/Alto and a bass clef staff for Tenor/Bass, both in B-flat major.

hymn to you, the Moth - er of the Mas - ter of

Detailed description: This system continues the musical notation. The lyrics are "hymn to you, the Moth - er of the Mas - ter of". The word "Mother" is split across two notes with a hyphen. The musical notation includes a treble clef staff for Soprano/Alto and a bass clef staff for Tenor/Bass, both in B-flat major.

all things, all-holy Virgin

who knew not wedlock, who have delivered the

human race from the ancestral condemnation.

Sticheron 2

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

At a divine command, the chief Apostles

gathered from the ends of the earth to bury you,

and when they saw you being taken

from the earth to heaven they cried

out with joy in Gabriel's words: "Rejoice, chariot

of the whole Godhead! Rejoice, for you a

lone by your child-bearing have joined together

things on earth with those on high!"

Sticheron 3

Soprano
Alto

Vir - gin Moth - er, Bride of God, who car -

Tenor
Bass

ried the Life with - in your womb, by your re - vered

fall - ing a - sleep you have passed over to im - mor - -

tal life. An - gels, Rul - ers and Pow - - - ers,

A - pos - tles, — Proph - - - ets and all creation es -

cort - ed you, and your Son re - ceived — your most pure — soul

in His im - mac - u - late hands.